CORONADO

California

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for my mother Catherine

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Ever since I arrived in California from Ireland in 1979, the beauty of this state has never disappointed me. From the natural splendor to its cosmopolitan cities and its urban quaintness, California is a delight for the eye, food for one's soul, and home to the wanderer in me. I have been very blessed to have a wonderful family base in this splendid land by the Pacific and even more blessed to find them living in a beautiful spot in the southwest corner of the state, and that beautiful spot is Coronado.

on the beach

1894

Heading south on Interstate 5 into San Diego county there is a sense that one's journey is at an end. Ahead lies Mexico, another frontier. As Interstate 5 winds through downtown San Diego and emerges on the other side there is one more treat in store. A quick right onto Highway 75 and one finds oneself on the Coronado Bay

san diego-coronado

Bridge, a majestic ribbon of concrete that rises high above San Diego Bay. The whole beauty of Coronado can be captured in a single glance from this lofty spot. Connected by the Coronado Bay Bridge to San Diego and by the Silver Strand to Imperial Beach, this small island community of Coronado has existed since the eighteen hundred's and has a history to match.

bay bridge

1887

san diego bay

From the beginning to the present day, Coronado has been the playground of the rich and famous. Royalty, heads of state, movie stars, and artists have contributed to its colorful history, past and present. Lindbergh left on one of his historical flights from here. Marilyn Monroe made the film "Some Like it Hot" with Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in the late 50's.

2000

edward & wales

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Rumor has it that Edward, Prince of Wales, met Mrs. Wallis Simpson in Coronado.

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Spirit of St. Louis
NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT
CAP. CHARLES LINDBERGH. RYAN MONOPLANE
RED CROWN AVIATION GASOLINE
GARGOYLE MOBILOIL "B"

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PRESIDENTS

Presidents from William Howard Taft, Benjamin Harrison, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Ronald Reagan to Bill Clinton have been frequent visitors.

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silver strand

Coronado's exciting history stems back to the Native Americans and the Spanish explorers who gave this peninsula its name, "Las Yslas Coronadas." The whaling industry contributed to the growth of this area but it was a San Francisco business man of the nineteenth century who had a dream of what Coronado could become.

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babcock's dream

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Babcock's dream came true. The Hotel del Coronado, a beautiful example of Victorian splendor, opened its doors February 1888.

With its towering red roof and white walls, it rises out of the sands above the Pacific. It was built by E.S. Babcock and later acquired by the Spreckels family of San Francisco. At its completion it was known to be the largest wooden building west of Chicago. It created the foundation of the community we know as Coronado today.

Hotel del Coronado

stables 1915

court yard
crown room

a

b

ERSONALLY CONDUCTED
Special Excursions Daily

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tent city 1902
christmas
point loma

spreckels mansion

Glorietta Bay Inn

music room

1911

This quiet peaceful seaside town moves at its own unhurried pace. Coronado became an ideal spot to relax with family and friends. Many of Coronado's older homes still stand today. The Spreckels mansion, which is now the Glorietta Bay Inn, has been lovingly restored and has a welcome mat at its door to all. Visit the music room it will take your breath away. Ask about the history surrounding the cherubs in the decorative ceiling moulding, it's a great story. This building represents another example of Coronado's elegant history.

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glorietta bay

past & present

SUNSET

at the yacht club

the plunge 1915

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1906

L. Frank Baum tale of "OZ"

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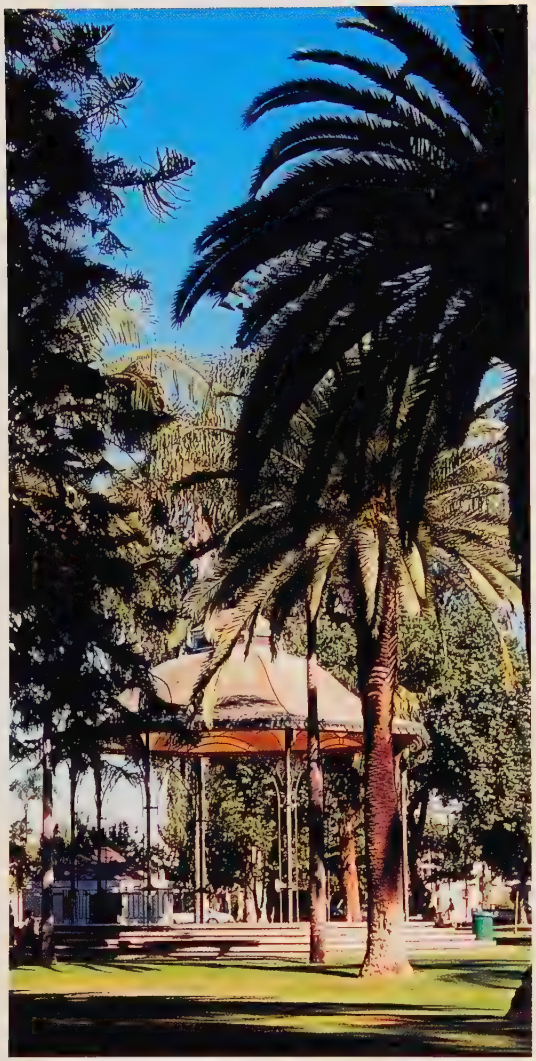

1918

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boys in the band

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concert in the park

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SILVERGATE

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coronado municipal golf course

golf

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run
or just watch

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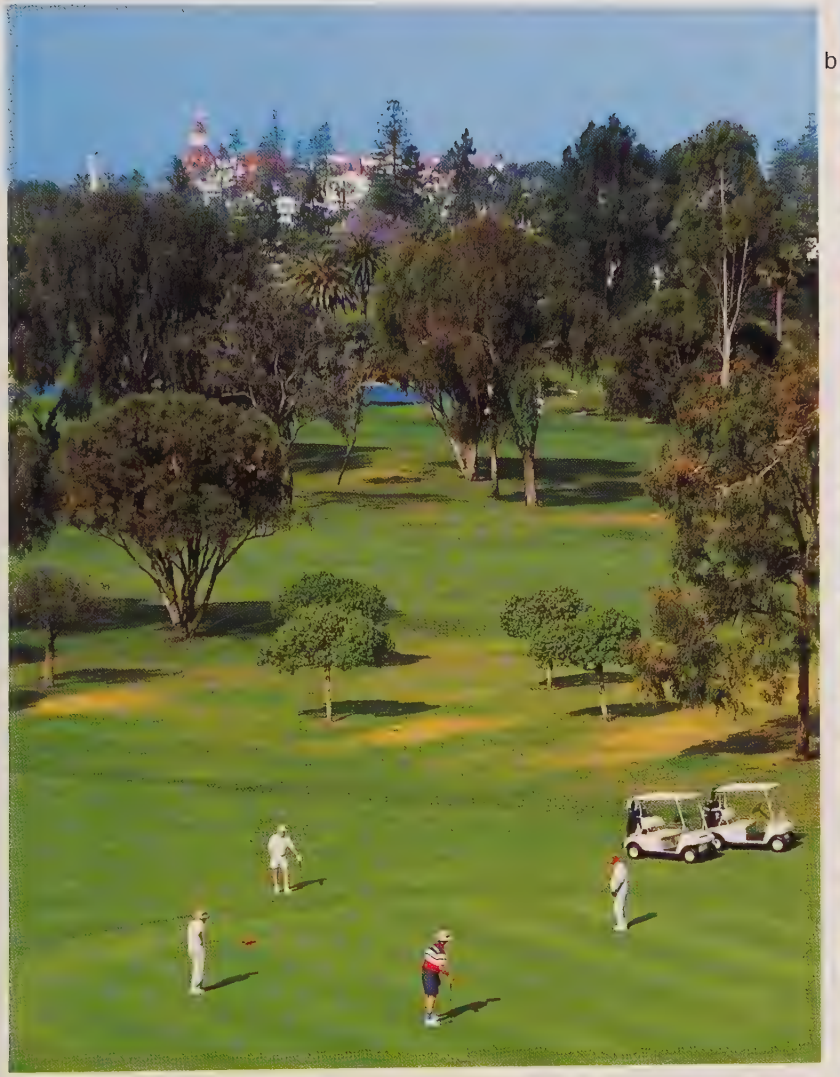

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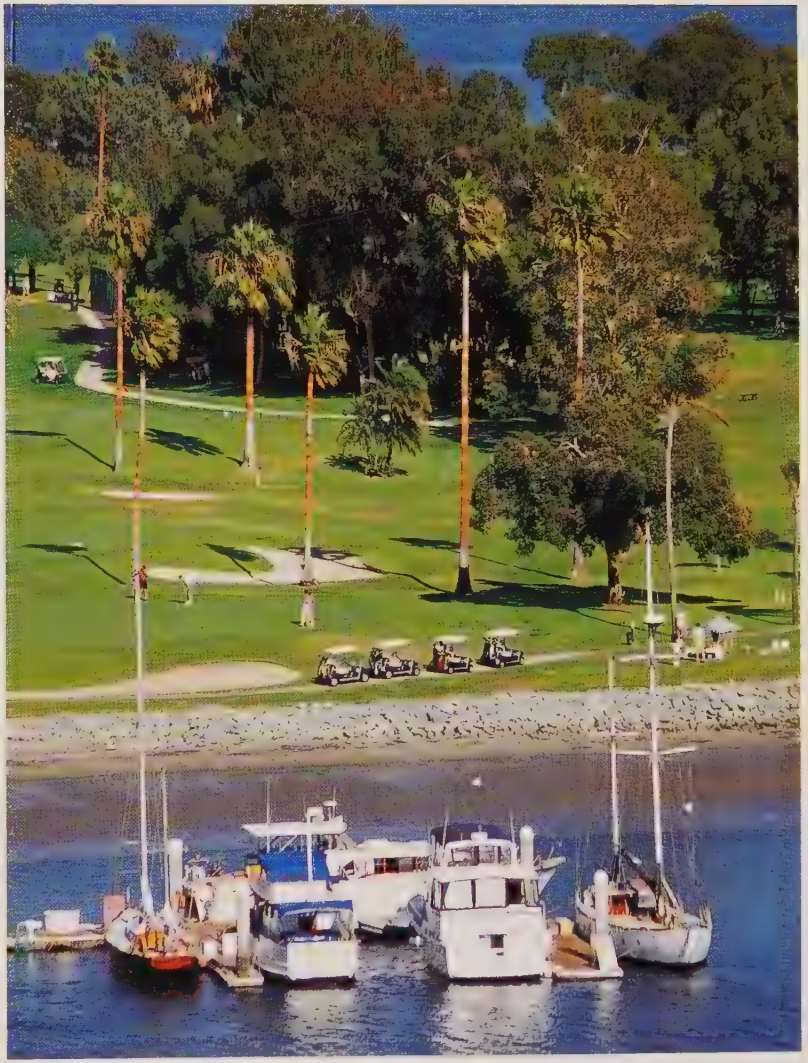

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CLASSICS
ESPRESSO etc.
FINE BOOKS
BAY BOOKS
BAY

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HEALTH FOOD STORE
ESPRESSO BAR • BISTRO

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ORANGE AVENUE

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1917
JOYFUL
NOISE
A World Premiere

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ROLAND
Brocante
ANTIQUES

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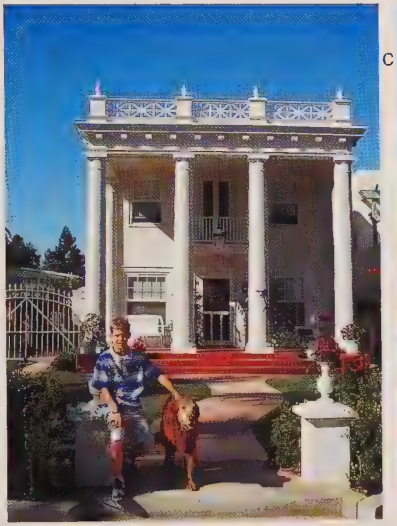

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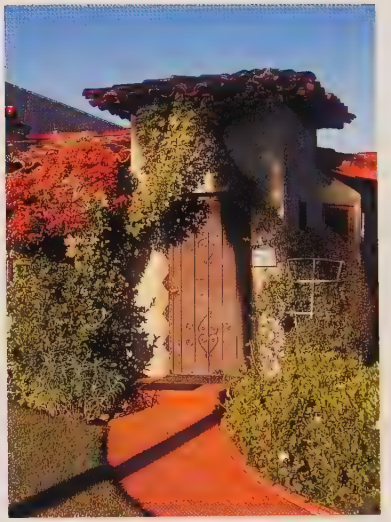

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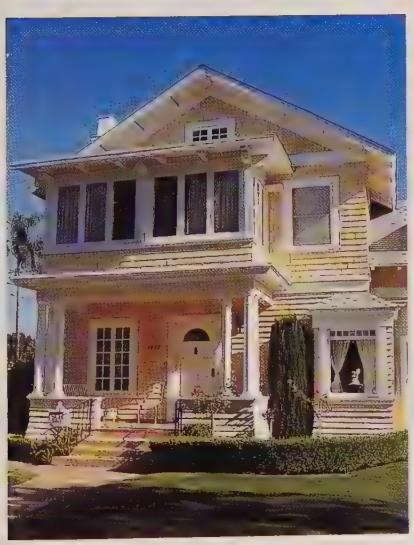

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celebrating july

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CORONADO'S military connection

U.S.S. Pennsylvania

NAVY

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class of 1910, history in the making

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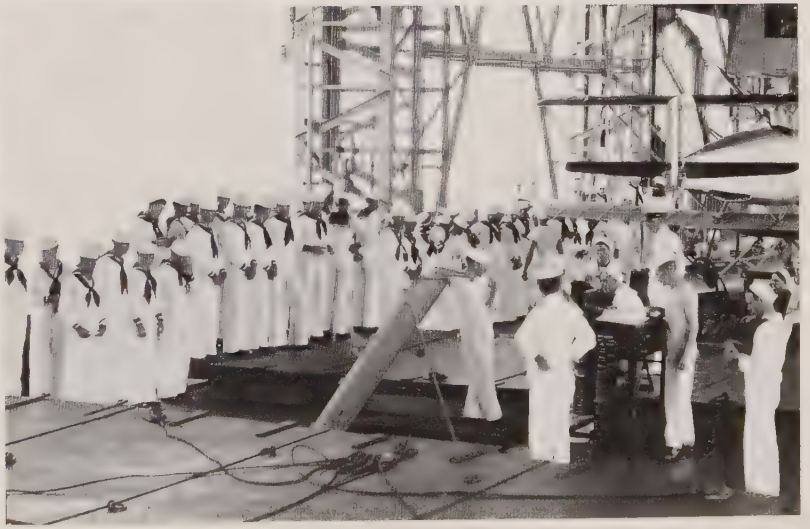

movies, parks,

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gardens &

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the *beach*

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surf & sand

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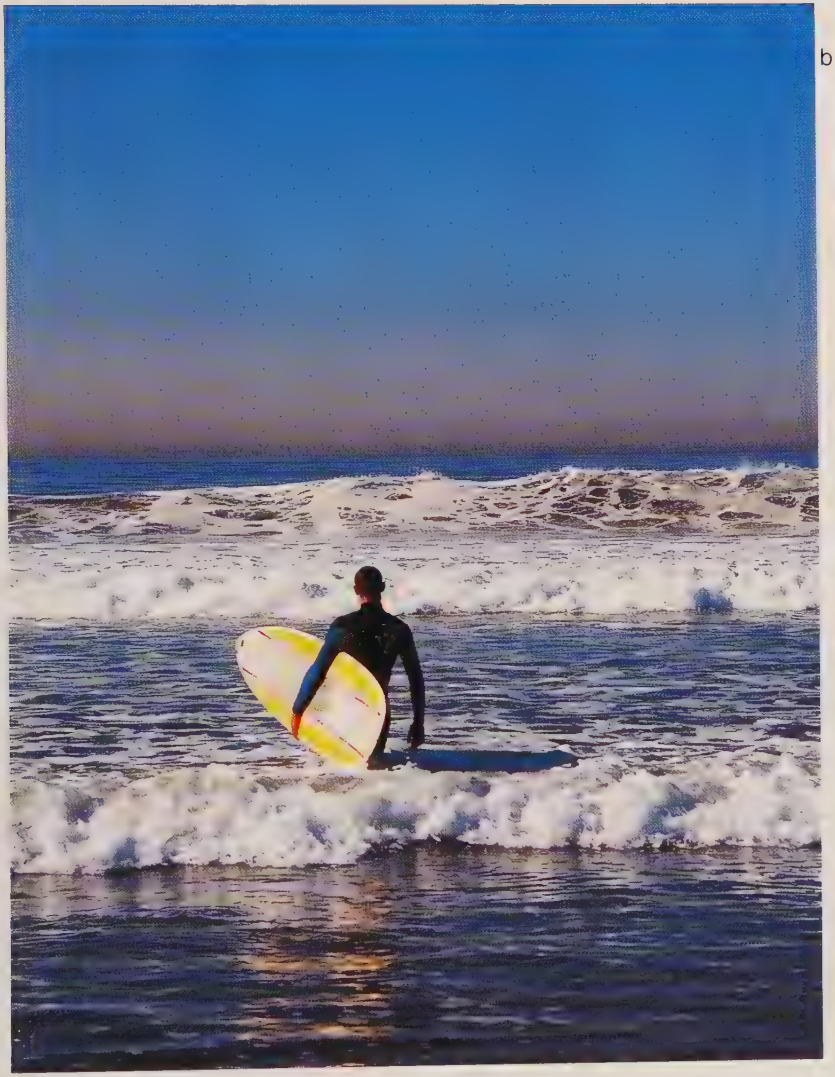

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Coronado's *elegance*

The people of Coronado still welcome visitors from all over the world. Whether your taste is Victorian charm or modern day elegance, Coronado has many wonderful accommodations to fill the needs of the most discriminating. Catch the view of San Diego's glistening skyline while you dine at L'Escale at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort, or choose from the many other delightful restaurants that are located at the Ferry Landing overlooking the beautiful San Diego Bay, such as Il Fornaio, Peohe's, Bay Beach Cafe, Spyro's Greek Cafe, et cetera. They will satisfy the most exacting palates.

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marriott

& charm

At the other end of the bay, the Loews Coronado Resort offers another splendid view of nature's gift to San Diego. Here the dining experience and the panoramic view await you.

Orange Avenue's many shops and restaurants have more treats in store for you. The charm of Coronado and its friendly folk will take you back. It's a wonderful place to take a walk with family and friends. You may even find pleasure in an early morning jog along the wide expansive beach, or perhaps tee off at Coronado's world famous golf course and look forward to a delicious breakfast at one of the many restaurants that line Orange Avenue.

There is something about Coronado that will make you want to stay and visit over and over again. Another part of Coronado's interesting history is connected to the military; in fact, many of the military who were based in Coronado retired on the island and call it home. Why? The answer is obvious!

I hope my photographs do justice to all that Coronado and its people so generously offer you.

John Yorke

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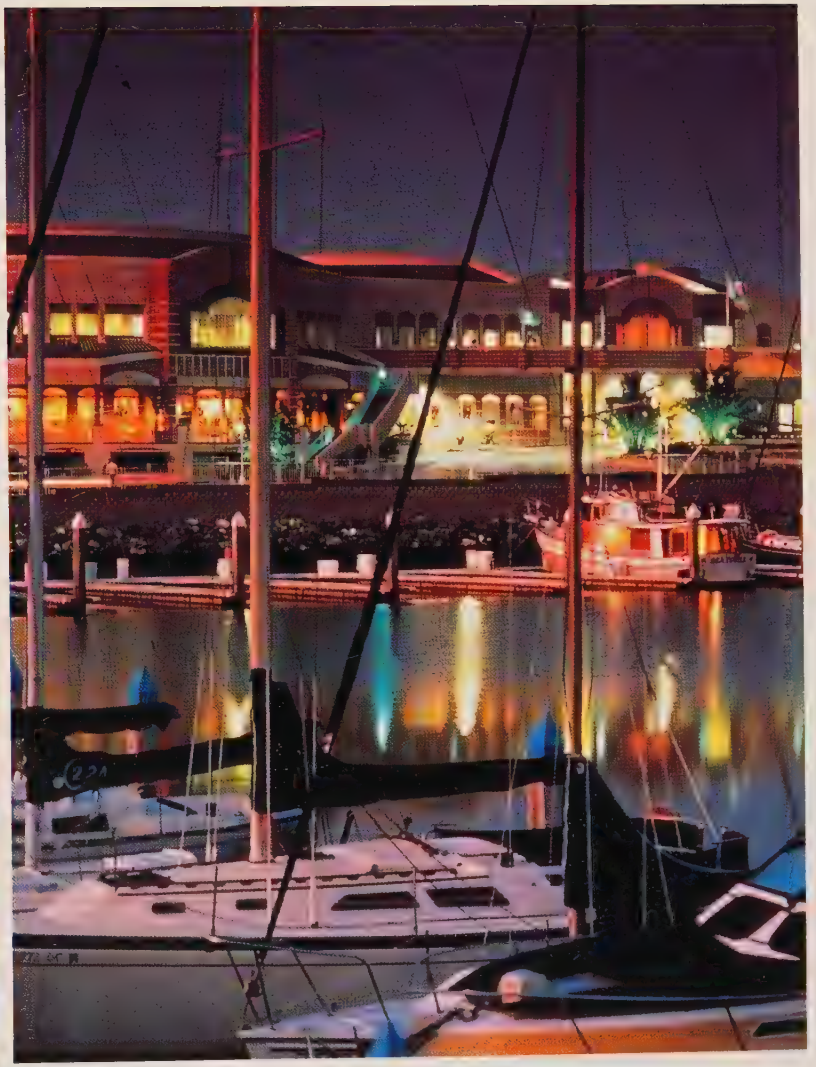

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